,<pjict[j]. It is absolutely **confined to the** Arctic **Ocean,** and reported **t*'currenees** 021 **our** coasts are due to a **confusion with -R *av.stralis*,** to !>e presently described. At the ** Devil's Dyke/' near **Brighton, there is, or was, the skull** of **a** most **tiagrant Eorqual, which is** carefully **labelled " Greenland \Vhale.*"** **This** "Whale grows to a length of **50, GO,** rarely 70 feet. It is **black** in colour., save fur **a white** patch on the under **side of the** jaw. The head is **quite one-third of the body in length.** There are a few scattered **hairs at the extremity of the jaws. The length of time** which tills **"Whale** can endure **immersion** lias been variously stated. The utmost **limit** of endurance Is stated by **Scamiuon to be one hour** and twenty **inhmtes.** The pursuit **of this** Whale is attended by **dangers,** not in the least because the **animal** is **itself** fierce and **ready to attack, but simply** on account of the velocity **with which,** ami **the** great **depth to which, it will** dive, and also to the *lin'^e* muscular **force which** Is exerted in its struggles **to** free itself **irom the harpoons.** It is **indeed an extremely timid** beast. It lias **been** remarked **that** " **a** lard aliglitlngr upon Its back **some-times** sets **it** off in **great*** agitation and terror." **Combined** with **this timidity of** disposition is an intense affection for its **young, " which would do honour,"** observed **Seoresby, " to the superior intelligence of human** beings.*' Yet that trader and observer goes on to **remark that *te*** the value of the prize . . . cannot be sacrificed to feelings of **compassion "** ! The fact **that** this "Whale and its **congener, J3[1]. *aitstralis,*** feed among **swarms of minute** pelagic **creatures, which** they engulf in their **irage mouths,** led the ancients to believe and assert that they fed upon water only. When the **Whale** feeds it moves along -with, some velocity, taking in huge **mouthfuls** of sea water with, the contained organisms, •which are then strained off by the whalebone and left stranded upon the tongue.

Unlike its congener, the southern Right **"Whale, -R. *australis^*** is world-wide in distribution, avoiding only the Arctic **regions.** Where the Greenland Whale is found **JK. *australis*** does not exist. The principal differences which it shows from ***JB**** *m,y$ti&etn®* are

firstly in the relatively shorter head and shorter and coarser
whalebone. In the second place it has **more** ribs, fifteen pairs
as against thirteen; but there is apparently some little confusion
In the **matter** of ribs. An additional rib at the end **of** the series

[1] The **naxxne tHat** Has priority seemst to be *gletcwtM®**